



SCHOODIC LAKE

T18MD, Cherryfield, & Columbia Twps.,
Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Schoodic Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
White sucker
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 389 acres

Maximum depth - 37 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F

34 feet - 65°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass

Schoodic Lake is located in the heart of the blueberry barrens north of Cherryfield. The lake can be reached from several directions over good dirt/gravel roads. A good public boat launching site exists close to the outlet. The shoreline is moderately developed with camps. The lake is a popular destination with blueberry rakers who flock to the cooling waters for a refreshing swim after a long, hot, dusty day in the fields.

The lake provides suitable salmon habitat. In most years, smelts are sufficiently abundant to foster a good salmon growth rate. Smelts spawn along the extensive, sandy, gravelly shoreline in the vicinity of the outlet. This smelt run, usually peaking in mid-April, is one of the few that remains open to dippers. A check netting effort in the summer of 2001 captured nine salmon that averaged 16.6 in long and 1 lb, 13 oz in weight. Most were in excellent condition, and all fish contained at least two smelt in their stomachs. This finding confirmed recent angler reports which indicated good fishing for nicely shaped fish. Although the largest salmon netted weighed 2 ½ lb, reliable angler reports indicate a number of 3-4 lb fish have been caught during the past several years. An interesting aspect of the salmon fishery is the large mayfly hatch that usually occurs in early June, and provides some exciting sport for anglers casting flies to rising fish as they feed actively on the mayflies.

Smallmouth bass provide a decent fishery, with most fish in the 10-13 in size range. Some larger, 15-17 in fish are caught each year. Pickerel are relatively scarce due to a lack of suitable weedy habitat.

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